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In re Application of :
RICE et al. :
Application No. 09/309,480 :
Filed: May 10, 1999 :
For: :
: **DECISION ON PETITION TO**
: **WITHDRAW HOLDING OF**
: **ABANDONMENT**
: **TEXTURE MAPPING METHOD AND**
: **APPARATUS FOR COMPUTER**
: **IMPLEMENTED GRAPHICAL IMAGE**
: **PROCESSING**

This is a decision on the petition filed November 18, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) to withdraw holding of abandonment.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely submit the issue fee within the statutory period of three (3) months from the Notice of Allowance mailed March 8, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 17, 2002.

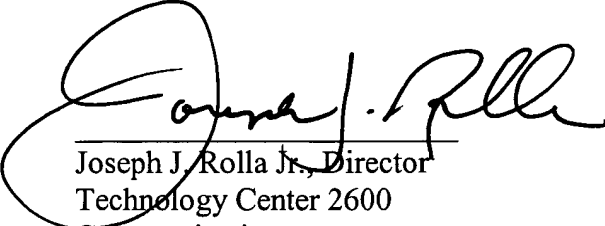
Petitioner asserts that he did not receive the Notice of Allowance mailed March 8, 2002. In support of the petition, Petitioner provides a copy of the docket records showing Non-receipt of the Notice of Allowance. Furthermore, a review of the record finds a Change of Address filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on December 22, 1999. A review of the record also finds that the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 8, 2002 was improperly sent to the previous address of record. Therefore, there was an irregularity in the mailing of the Notice of Allowance on March 8, 2002, as it was mistakenly mailed to an incorrect correspondence address. The Patent and Trademark Office regrets any inconvenience to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn. The Notice of Allowance is also vacated.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Since it has been determined that petitioner failed to receive the Notice of Allowance, it is presume that applicant also failed to receive the Notice of Allowability mailed therewith. Furthermore, due to the time lapse from the mailing of the Notices and this decision, the file is being forwarded to the examiner for updating the search and the Notice of Allowability, as appropriate.

Accordingly, a new Notice of Allowability will be sent with the new Notice of Allowance, and the period for response will be set to run from the new mailing date thereof.



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